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NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS BATTLEWORLD:

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SPIDER-ISLAND

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Spider-Island.
Kingdom of the Spider-Queen.
After the fall of Manhattan.
SAW CAPTAIN MARVEL FLY BY. HOPE SHE'S MOVED ON. CAN'T RISK GOING UP AGAINST A HEAVY HITTER LIKE THAT.
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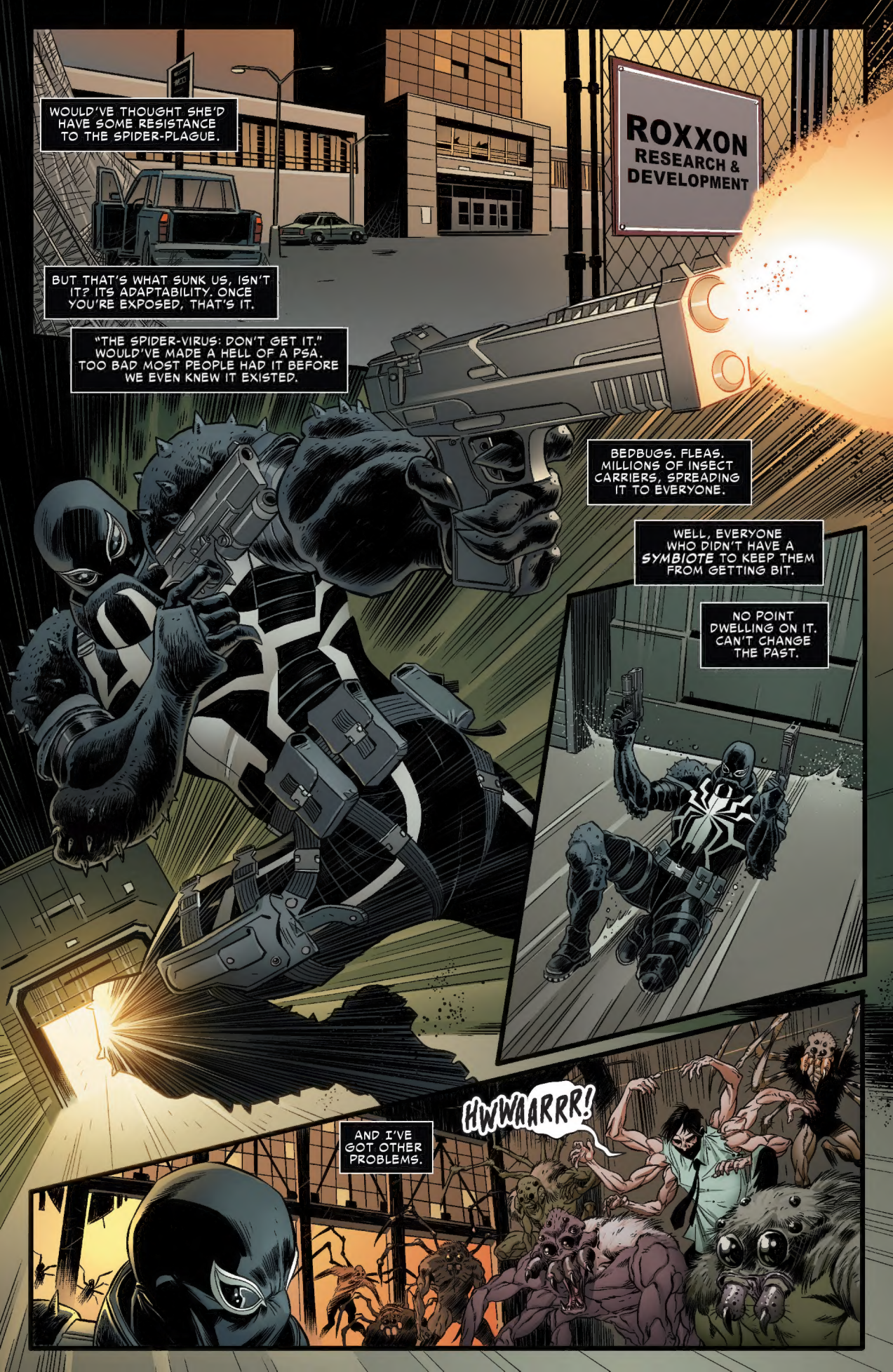
WOULD'VE THOUGHT SHE'D HAVE SOME RESISTANCE TO THE SPIDER-PLAGUE.
ROXXON RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
BUT THAT'S WHAT SUNK US, ISN'T IT? ITS ADAPTABILITY. ONCE YOU'RE EXPOSED, THAT'S IT.
"THE SPIDER-VIRUS: DON'T GET IT." WOULD'VE MADE A HELL OF A PSA. TOO BAD MOST PEOPLE HAD IT BEFORE WE EVEN KNEW IT EXISTED.
BEDBUGS. FLEAS. MILLIONS OF INSECT CARRIERS, SPREADING IT TO EVERYONE.
WELL, EVERYONE WHO DIDN'T HAVE A SYMBIOTE TO KEEP THEM FROM GETTING BIT.
NO POINT DWELLING ON IT. CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST.
AND I'VE GOT OTHER PROBLEMS.
HWWAARRR!

IS THIS ALL YOU'VE GOT? GO ON, THROW EVERYONE AT ME!
BECAUSE I'M JUST THE DISTRACTION. HOPE I DREW ENOUGH OF THEM AWAY...
...FOR THE VISION TO GET WHAT WE NEED.
I HAVE ACQUIRED THE OBJECTIVE, AGENT VENOM. AS WELL AS MEDICAL SUPPLIES OUR COMMUNITY SORELY NEEDS.
GOOD. NOW GET OUT OF HERE.
I DO NOT LIKE LEAVING YOU ALONE. THE ODDS--
DON'T MATTER. WE CAN'T RISK IT.

I'LL BE FINE. DECORATED COMBAT VETERAN, REMEMBER? BESIDES, LIKE YOU SAID, IT'S ALMOST DARK.
WHICH IS WHEN OUR SECRET WEAPON COMES OUT. JACK RUSSELL, BRAINWASHED SPIDER-PERSON BY DAY...
HRRRR...
...WEREWOLF BY NIGHT!
RRAAAOOOO!

HEY, VENOM. HOW GOES THE RESISTANCE?
OH, YOU KNOW. THE USUAL. HOW'S BEING A MINDLESS SPIDER-DUDE?
SUCKS.
BE SAFE, MY FRIENDS. I AM DETECTING VIBRATIONS IN THE CITY-WEB. ENHANCED RESPONSE IS EN ROUTE.
HE'S RIGHT. I SAW CAPTAIN MARVEL EARLIER, WOULDN'T TAKE HER LONG TO GET BACK.
COULD BE WORSE, I GUESS... HOLD ON. WHAT'S THAT SOUND? LIKE WHISTLING...
AW, NO, NOT--
SPIDER-HULK SMASH!
THHOOOOOMMM

WE ARE SO SCREWED.
HOLD ON. HE CRACKED THE STREET...WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO--
GGRRAAAAA!
GO! GO!
SPIDER-HULK--
HRN?
WHY DIDN'T YOU GO AFTER THEM?
SPIDER-HULK CONFUSED.
FAN OUT. SEARCH THEM ALL. QUICKLY! THE QUEEN'S ANGER IS LIKE A DAGGER IN MY MIND!

THANKS, JACK. SORRY I HAVE TO LEAVE YOU HERE.
NO SWEAT, I GET IT. IF I KNOW WHERE YOUR HIDING PLACES ARE, I MIGHT TELL THE QUEEN WHEN I'M BACK TO BEING... THAT EIGHT-ARMED *THING*.
YOU SURE YOU'RE SAFE OUT THERE? IF SHE FINDS OUT ABOUT YOU--
IF SHE WANTED ME DEAD, I'D BE BUG FOOD BY NOW. EITHER SHE CAN'T TELL I'M ANY DIFFERENT THAN HER OTHER MINIONS WHEN I'M A SPIDER...
...OR SHE'S HOPING I'LL LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT YOU SHE CAN USE.
I WISH THAT WORKED BOTH WAYS.
IT MIGHT.
YOU GOTTA UNDERSTAND, MY MIND WHEN I'M A SPIDER IS...WEIRD. LIKE WATCHING AN IMAX MOVIE IN AN EARTHQUAKE... I CAN'T EVEN EXPLAIN IT.
BUT I REMEMBER SOMETHING. ABOUT A *CURE*.
FOR THE SPIDER-VIRUS? NO SUCH THING.
ALL I KNOW IS WHAT I HEARD. THEY TREAT IT LIKE A BIO-WEAPON. KEEP IT AT ***HORIZON LABS***, UNDER HEAVY GUARD, STUDYING IT, TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO BEAT IT.
THAT *IS* WHERE THEY WERE WORKING ON A CURE, IN THE EARLY DAYS...
LIKE I SAID, DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT. CHECK FOR YOURSELF. NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN MY ***WOLF SIDE*** WAS THE RELIABLE ONE.
I'LL LOOK FOR YOUR MESSAGES AT THE USUAL DROP SITES. SEE YOU AROUND, VENOM. KEEP FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT.

HORIZON...THAT'S WHERE THE BIG BRAINS GATHERED. BACK WHEN WE THOUGHT WE HAD A SHOT AT BEATING THIS.
BUT THE PLAGUE MOVED FASTER THAN WE COULD HANDLE. ESPECIALLY AFTER IT MUTATED...AND STARTED AFFECTING SUPERHUMANS.
TOO MANY OF OUR OWN TURNED ON US. WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE THE FIGHT TO THE QUEEN HERSELF. EVERY WEAPON, EVERY MAN.
WE DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE.
SEEING CAPTAIN AMERICA AS HER *SPIDER-KING* STUCK A KNIFE IN OUR MORALE FROM THE START. THE HULK BEING TURNED HALFWAY THROUGH FINISHED IT.
EXCEPT FOR *SPIDEY*. HE NEVER GAVE UP. RALLIED US LIKE PATTON. NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO BRAVE IN MY LIFE.
I FELT LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL KID AGAIN...THE PRESIDENT OF HIS FAN CLUB. BUT EVEN HE COULDN'T BEAT THOSE ODDS.

AND WHAT DID I DO TO HELP? THE BIG SHOT WAR HERO SECRET GOVERNMENT AGENT? NOT A DAMN THING.
THE QUEEN'S SONIC SCREAM SENT MY SYMBIOTE INTO SPASMS OF AGONY. TURNED ME BACK INTO FLASH THOMPSON, DISABLED VETERAN.
ALL I COULD DO WAS WATCH MY HERO DIE...
Subway
...AND CRAWL OFF INTO THE TUNNELS LIKE THE RAT I AM.
AND WAIT FOR THE SYMBIOTE TO HOPEFULLY GET TO ME.
I KNOW WHAT SPIDEY WOULD SAY. THAT I DID THE RIGHT THING. LIVED TO CARRY ON THE FIGHT.
BUT HE WAS THE ONE WE NEEDED. NOT ME. I'M NOT WINNING THIS...I'M JUST LOSING IT SLOWER.
HE WOULD'VE FIGURED SOMETHING OUT. ONE OF HIS TRADEMARK MIRACLE SAVES. AND ALL I'VE DONE...

A former S.H.I.E.L.D. safehouse.
...IS PROLONG THE AGONY.
JUST A LITTLE STICK, NOW.
YOU WERE VERY BRAVE, CHARLES.
FLASH. VISION DIDN'T THINK YOU'D MAKE IT.
THAT IS NOT ACCURATE, SPIDER-WOMAN. I SIMPLY CALCULATED THE ODDS OF HIS DEATH AT 44%.
THESE DAYS, THAT'S PROBABLY ABOUT AS GOOD AS WE'LL GET.
SO THE VISION GOT YOUR MACGUFFIN BACK IN ONE PIECE. NOW DO I GET TO HEAR YOUR SUPER-SECRET PLAN?
YOU KNOW IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU, JESSICA. IT'S JUST THAT ANY OF US COULD BE CAPTURED AT ANY TIME.
BUT YEAH. IT IS TIME YOU KNEW MORE ABOUT IT. COME WITH ME.
OKAY, I'M...SORT OF IMPRESSED. WHAT IS ALL THIS STUFF?
OUR LAST SHOT. AT LEAST, I THOUGHT IT WAS, UNTIL TODAY. JACK RUSSELL TOLD ME SOMETHING. LISTEN UP...

...I DON'T LIKE THE SMELL OF IT. IF THERE WAS A CURE, WHY DIDN'T ANYONE USE IT BEFORE THE FINAL BATTLE?
I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE IT WASN'T READY YET. MAYBE THE HORIZON SCIENTISTS FINISHED IT AFTER WE GOT BEAT, BUT NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO USE IT.
OF COURSE, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT IT COULD BE A TRAP.
YEAH. BUT I JUST EXPLAINED TO YOU THE ONLY OTHER PLAN I HAVE. WHICH, FOR ALL I KNOW, WON'T EVEN WORK.
IF THERE'S EVEN A CHANCE OF A CURE, WE HAVE TO TAKE THE SHOT, DON'T WE?
AND IF WE FAIL? WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM?
THE SAME THING THAT'S GONNA HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY, UNLESS SOMETHING CHANGES SIGNIFICANTLY.
WE'LL NEED ALL THE FIREPOWER WE'VE GOT TO EVEN GET INSIDE HORIZON. WE'RE PUTTING ALL OUR MONEY ON BLACK AND SPINNING THE WHEEL.
WHAT IF WE PUT OUR MONEY ON BLACK... *AND* RED?
HEAR ME OUT...

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South Street Seaport
IT'S CRAWLING WITH THEM. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE LOSSES.
WE REALIZE THAT. AND WE ALL VOLUNTEERED ANYWAY.
I KNOW. I KNOW. JUST... ONCE YOU'VE DRAWN THEM AWAY, PULL BACK IMMEDIATELY. THAT'S AN ORDER. HEAD FOR THE TUNNELS.
GO!!
WE CAN'T HELP BUT FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF OUR C.O., SIR.
GOOD LUCK IN THERE.

I'VE BEEN TO WAR. LOST MEN BEFORE...WAY TOO MANY. THOUGHT NOTHING COULD POSSIBLY BE WORSE.
BUT AT LEAST WE WERE FIGHTING AN ENEMY THEN.
SOLDIERS AREN'T NAIVE. EVEN IN COMBAT, WE REALIZE THE GUYS WE'RE FIGHTING HAVE FAMILIES AND HOPES AND FEARS JUST LIKE US. BUT AT LEAST THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING.
THESE SPIDER-PEOPLE? THEY COULD BE COPS, OR PRIESTS, OR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS. OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. LOVERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. ONLY FIGHTING US BECAUSE THEIR QUEEN COMMANDS IT.
WE CAN'T LET THAT HOLD US BACK. ALL WE CAN DO IS KEEP A TALLY OF EVERY PIECE OF OUR SOUL WE LOSE...
...AND MAKE THE QUEEN *PAY FOR IT.*

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? JACK SAID THE CURE'S THAT WAY.
I KNOW. JUST A QUICK DETOUR.
RNCH
SOMETHING I KNEW WAS HERE..
...BUT NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO GO AFTER UNTIL NOW.
OUR PEOPLE ARE SAFE UNDERGROUND. THE SPIDER CREATURES ARE RETURNING. WE HAVE LITTLE TIME.
I HAVE SCOUTED AHEAD. THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE FACILITY IS PROTECTED BY A *FARADAY CAGE*...A BARRIER I CANNOT PIERCE, EVEN IN MY INTANGIBLE STATE.
THEN LET'S DO IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.

IF YOU WILL PROVIDE COVER, I SHALL ATTEMPT TO OVERRIDE THE DOOR CONTROLS.
UP AHEAD! THAT'S WHERE THEY WERE WORKING ON THE CURE!
HURRY. I CAN HEAR DOZENS MORE LEGS ON THE ROOF. GOD, I HATE THAT SOUND...
GO, GO!
SHLINK
WHAT THE *WHAT?*
GUYS, I THINK WE'VE BEEN--

BRAKK
UNGH!
I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, JESSICA. SO MUCH OF YOU IS A SPIDER ALREADY. I THOUGHT YOU'D UNDERSTAND.
KABOOM
THERE IS NO CURE. EVEN IF THEY'D SUCCEEDED IN MAKING ONE, IT'S TOO LATE FOR IT TO WORK NOW.
WHY DO YOU THINK OUR QUEEN LET JACK RUSSELL LIVE, WHEN HE WOULD HAVE SLIT HIS OWN THROAT AT HER COMMAND ONCE THE SUN CAME UP?
BECAUSE HE WAS USEFUL. BECAUSE YOU *TRUST* HIM.
IT'S A *TRAP*, YOU STUPID MAMMALS.
A TRAP...?

KLK
WHAT--?
WELL, DUH.
GNAHH! HULK! KILL THEM!
GRRAAA!
WHAT DID YOU-- DO TO--
YEAH, I'D LIKE MORE SPECIFICS MYSELF. I GET THE "NEED TO KNOW" THING, BUT SINCE MY PHEROMONES ARE ALL THAT'S KEEPING THE HULK FROM PULPING US...
P-PRETTY... BUT NEED TO SMASH...
...BUT PRETTY...

LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I FIGURED THIS WAS A TRAP. BUT I GOT AN IDEA FROM JACK RUSSELL ANYWAY.
HE WAS A LOYAL SPIDER-CREATURE...UNTIL HE *CHANGED.* INTO SOMETHING ELSE.
VISION'S ANALYSIS ALREADY TOLD US THE CHANGES TO THE SPIDER-PEOPLE'S DNA IS TOO INGRAINED TO UNDO WITHOUT KILLING THEM.
NNRGGHH...
SMASH!
EASY.
BUT I THOUGHT MAYBE WE COULD *REWRITE* IT. SO I'VE BEEN FINDING AND COLLECTING CERTAIN SPECIAL THINGS.
GRAAR!
THE GODSTONE THAT TURNED JOHN JAMESON INTO THE *MAN-WOLF.*
HSSSSAA!
THE SERUM THAT MADE *DR. MICHAEL MORBIUS* INTO A LIVING VAMPIRE.
AND DR. CURT CONNORS'S *LIZARD* SERUM. WHICH, IF YOU WILL DIRECT THE HULK TO DRINK IT...
...SHOULD CONCLUDE OUR EXPERIMENT.
OPEN WIDE. THERE'S A GOOD BOY.

HRRAAAGGH!
HRN?
WHAT... HAPPENS TO...
IT'S WORKING!
OKAY, NOT BAD. ONE QUESTION.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THEIR MINDS'LL GO BACK TO THE FRIENDS WE KNEW, INSTEAD OF JUST MAKING THEM ALL-NEW, ALL-DIFFERENT MONSTERS?
SSSSS...

GRRAOOW!
HORIZON DETERMINED THE SPIDER-VIRUS CONTAINS THE QUEEN'S DNA. THAT LETS HER MENTALLY CONTROL THE VICTIMS.
IF WE OVERWRITE THAT DNA, WE REMOVE HER CONTROL. THE QUESTION IS...
KRABAMM
...WILL IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?
IN THE NAME OF THE QUEEN...KILL THEM ALL!
Continued in two weeks!

MAYDAY PARKER: SPIDER-WOMAN in...
"SHATTERED!"
MY NAME IS MAY "MAYDAY" PARKER AND I AM...
I AM THE DAUGHTER OF THE ONE, TRUE SPIDER-MAN.
I USED TO CALL MYSELF SPIDER-GIRL, BUT RECENTLY SWITCHED TO SPIDER-WOMAN.
TWAMM
E-EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE FINE, BABY.
W-WE'RE OKAY NOW.
SPIDER-GIRL IS HERE.
NOT THAT ANYONE SEEMS TO HAVE NOTICED.
REALLY MUST UPDATE MY FACEBOOK PAGE.
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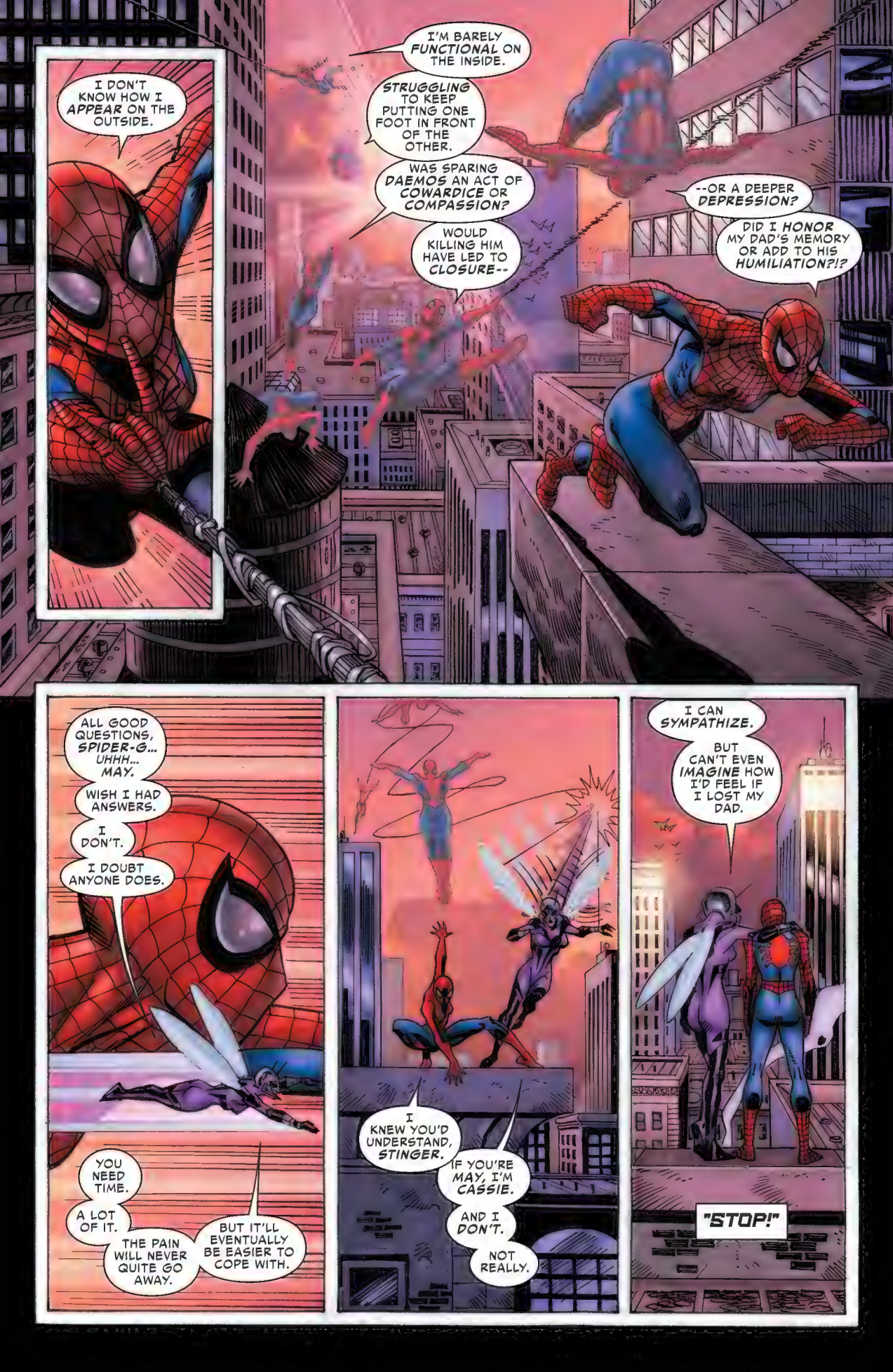
I CHANGED MY NAME BECAUSE IT WAS TIME TO GROW UP.
TIME TO TAKE CHARGE OF MY LIFE.
I-IT'S OVER, BABY.
WE'RE SAFE.
TAKE A DEEP BREATH.
TRY TO RELAX.
DADDY'S HERE.
DADDY'S HERE.
I'M AFRAID IT MAY NEVER BE OVER FOR ME.
MY DADDY ISN'T HERE ANYMORE.
HE WAS BUTCHERED.
MURDERED BY A PSYCHOTIC SERIAL KILLER.
A MONSTER CALLED DAEMOS--
WHO I SHOULD HAVE EXECUTED WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE.

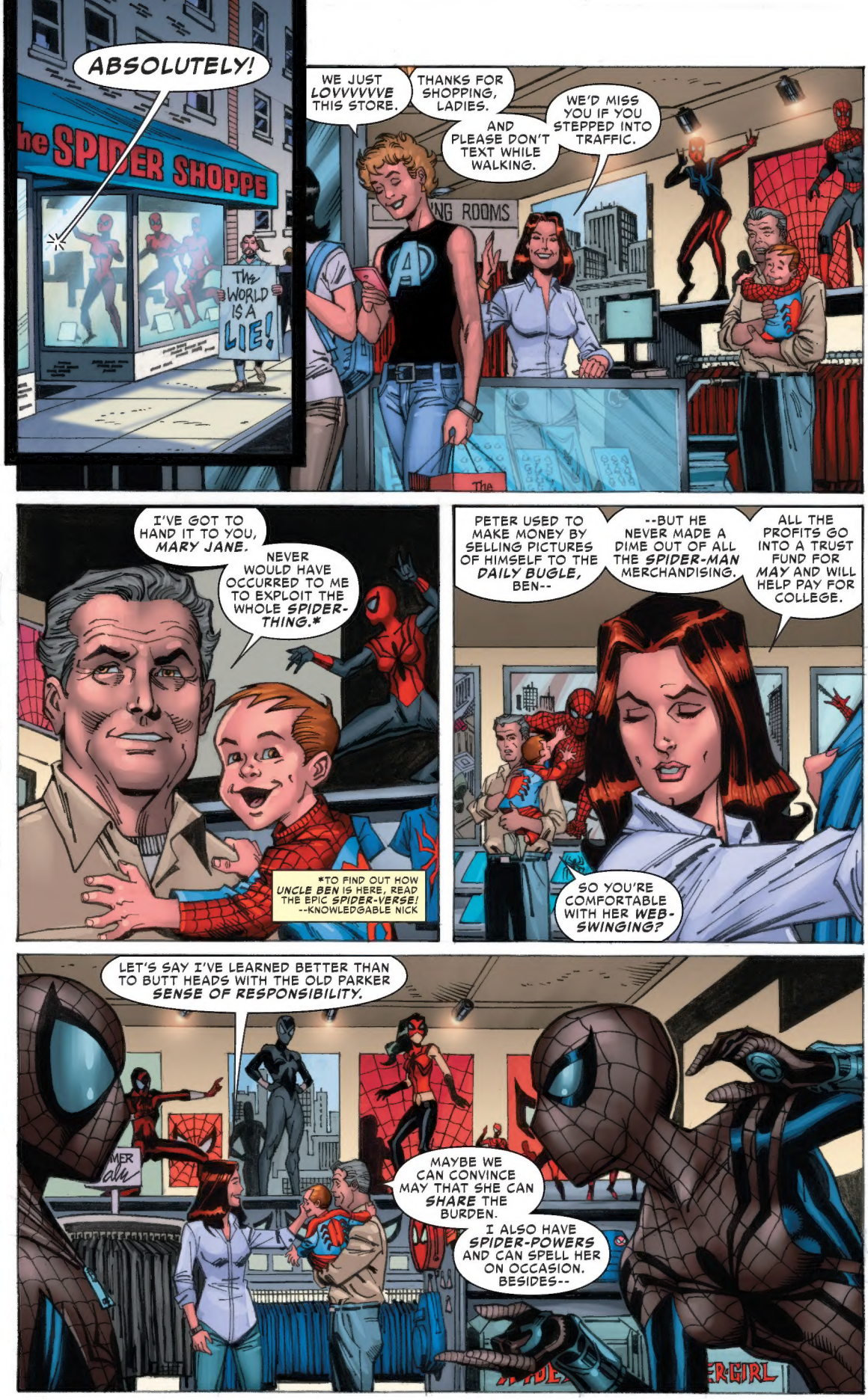
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE. I HAVE A GREAT BOYFRIEND--
--AND A LOVING FAMILY.
BUT I AM STILL HAUNTED BY MY FAILURE.
MY FATHER DIDN'T BELIEVE IN KILLING.
WOULD HE HAVE MADE AN EXCEPTION IN THIS CASE?
IT'S A QUESTION THAT HAS ME BY THE THROAT.
DOESN'T MATTER WHERE I AM--
--OR WHO I'M WITH.
MY FRIENDS THINK I'M STILL IN MOURNING.
THAT'S ONLY PART OF IT.
I'M OVERWHELMED.
TORN BETWEEN TRYING TO LIVE UP TO MY FATHER'S LEGACY--
--AND CURLING INTO A BIG SOBBING BALL.


I DON'T KNOW HOW I APPEAR ON THE OUTSIDE.
I'M BARELY FUNCTIONAL ON THE INSIDE.
STRUGGLING TO KEEP PUTTING ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER.
WAS SPARING DAEMOS AN ACT OF COWARDICE OR COMPASSION?
WOULD KILLING HIM HAVE LED TO CLOSURE--
--OR A DEEPER DEPRESSION?
DID I HONOR MY DAD'S MEMORY OR ADD TO HIS HUMILIATION?!?
ALL GOOD QUESTIONS, SPIDER-G... UHHH... MAY.
WISH I HAD ANSWERS.
I DON'T.
I DOUBT ANYONE DOES.
YOU NEED TIME.
A LOT OF IT.
THE PAIN WILL NEVER QUITE GO AWAY.
BUT IT'LL EVENTUALLY BE EASIER TO COPE WITH.
I KNEW YOU'D UNDERSTAND, STINGER.
IF YOU'RE MAY, I'M CASSIE.
AND I DON'T.
NOT REALLY.
I CAN SYMPATHIZE.
BUT CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW I'D FEEL IF I LOST MY DAD.
"STOP!"

YOU MAY NOT PROCEED INTO AVENGERS MANSION.
DOOM LIES
THIS WORLD IS A LIE!
IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND YOUR PURPOSE--
--OR WE WILL INITIATE SECURITY PROTOCOLS.
I FEEL LIKE A REAL JERK EXPLAINING MYSELF TO A HOLOGRAM INSTEAD OF THE REAL MAINFRAME.
I'M HENRY PYM, JR.--
--BETTER KNOWN AS BIG MAN.
I'VE COME TO WARN SCOTT LANG.
HIS DAUGHTER STINGER IS IN SERIOUS DANGER.
CASSIE'S IN TROUBLE?!
I RECOGNIZE THIS YAHOO, JARVIS.
INDEED, MASTER SCOTT. HE AND HIS SISTER HOPE ONCE INVADED THE GROUNDS.
OPEN UP! THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE. ALL OF THE AVENGERS ARE AT RISK--

"--AND IT MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE!"
YOU SUFFERED A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AND MAY NEED A RESPITE.
MY UNCLE BEN KEEPS TELLING ME THE SAME THING.
HE ISN'T WRONG.
THINK ABOUT IT! YOUR WHOLE LIFE HAS BEEN UPENDED.
YOU NEED TO PROCESS YOUR FEELINGS.
THE WORLD ISN'T GOING TO END BECAUSE YOU HUNG UP YOUR WEBS FOR A FEW MONTHS.
THERE ARE OTHERS WHO CAN FILL IN.
I...I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT...
BUT MY SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY WON'T ALLOW ME TO--
STINGER!
MOVE-- NOW!!!
THAT SPIDER-SENSE OF YOURS IS PRETTY HANDY FOR AVOIDING DANGER.
CLANGG
WISH I COULD PICK ONE UP ON EBAY AND-- WHAT THE--
OH, NO! PLEASE TELL ME--

"--THIS ISN'T ONE OF THOSE DISTRACT-THE-SAD-GIRL-WITH-A-BIG-FIGHT SCENARIOS."
GO, DREAM TEAM!
BLUESTREAK AND I WILL FLANK RIGHT.
CRIMSON CURSE AND FREEBOOTER GO LEFT.
AS YOU COMMAND, AMERICAN DREAM.
C'MON, GUYS! IT'S ALL FUN AND FISTICUFFS UNTIL SOMEONE LOSES AN EYE.
WHY DON'T WE SETTLE THIS OVER A FEW LATTES?
MY TREAT.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO FIGHT.
IS THERE?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he SPIDER SHOPPE
THE WORLD IS A LIE!
WE JUST LOVVVVVVE THIS STORE.
THANKS FOR SHOPPING, LADIES.
AND PLEASE DON'T TEXT WHILE WALKING.
WE'D MISS YOU IF YOU STEPPED INTO TRAFFIC.
NG ROOMS
I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU, MARY JANE.
NEVER WOULD HAVE OCCURRED TO ME TO EXPLOIT THE WHOLE SPIDER-THING.*
*TO FIND OUT HOW UNCLE BEN IS HERE, READ THE EPIC SPIDER-VERSE! --KNOWLEDGABLE NICK
PETER USED TO MAKE MONEY BY SELLING PICTURES OF HIMSELF TO THE DAILY BUGLE, BEN--
--BUT HE NEVER MADE A DIME OUT OF ALL THE SPIDER-MAN MERCHANDISING.
ALL THE PROFITS GO INTO A TRUST FUND FOR MAY AND WILL HELP PAY FOR COLLEGE.
SO YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH HER WEB-SWINGING?
LET'S SAY I'VE LEARNED BETTER THAN TO BUTT HEADS WITH THE OLD PARKER SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.
MAYBE WE CAN CONVINCE MAY THAT SHE CAN SHARE THE BURDEN.
I ALSO HAVE SPIDER-POWERS AND CAN SPELL HER ON OCCASION. BESIDES--

"--SHE ISN'T THE ONLY COSTUMED HERO IN TOWN."
THIS IMPOSTER ISN'T THE REAL SPIDER-GIRL.
SHE'S THE ONE WHO MURDERED SPIDER-MAN.
YOU COULDN'T BE MORE WRONG... OR HURTFUL, DREAM.
AND IT'S SPIDER-WOMAN NOW.
MAY NOT BE THE BEST TIME TO EMPHASIZE THE NEW NAME.
WHY NOT? BETTER THAN THINKING THAT MY SO-CALLED FRIENDS BELIEVE I KILLED MY OWN FATHER.
NO MATTER HOW FAST YOUR REFLEXES ARE, SPIDER-GIRL--
WOMAN!
WHATEVER! I'M STILL FASTER.
THERE'S AN OLD JOKE ABOUT OUTRUNNING A BEAR, BLUESTREAK--
--AND AMERICAN DREAM IS THE PUNCHLINE.
SPWAKK
STINGER, YOU CANNOT STAND AGAINST ONE WHO IS PERFECTLY IN TUNE WITH MOTHER NATURE.
VAST ARE MY POWERS. GREAT ARE MY ENCHANTMENTS.
AND ANNOYING IS YOUR EGO.
YOU'RE GOING DOWN, CURSE--HARD AND FAST!

ENOUGH!
NO MATTER HOW WELL YOUR POWERS MIMIC THE REAL SPIDER-GIRL--
--I'LL FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT YOU.
KNOWING YOU THE WAY I DO, A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.
THAT'S THE POINT, DREAM.
WE DO KNOW EACH OTHER.
YOU'VE GOT TO RECOGNIZE ME ON SOME LEVEL.
LOOK INTO YOUR HEART AND-- OH, GREAT!
SEEMS A NEWCOMER HAS JOINED THE PARTY.
WHY NOT?
IT'S THAT KIND OF DAY.
KYEAHHH
DESTROY THE IMPOSTER--
--BEFORE SHE MURDERS US ALL!
CASSIE--?!?
A RESPITE IS SUDDENLY VERY APPEALING.
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